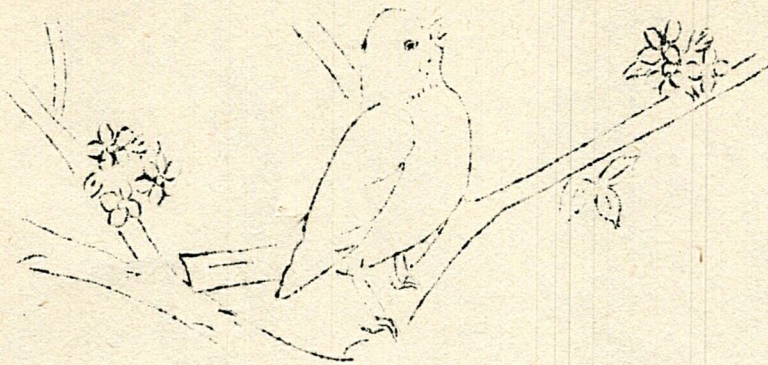
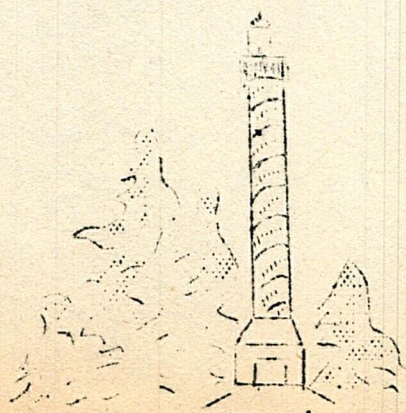


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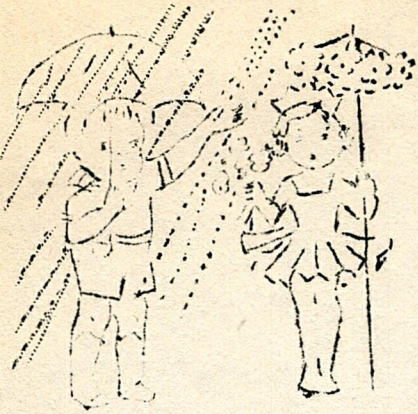
"The year's at the spring
And day's at the morn;
Morning's at seven,
The hillside's dew pearled,
The Lark's on the wing,
And snail's on the thorn,
God's in His Heaven---
All's right with the world."

---Browning--



Apr. 1948

SPELLING



We were most happy with the interest and Participation in the spelling contest. We wish to thank KAST and the many teachers for their kindly assistance during the contest. Upon my visitations, I found pupils eager to become better spellers. This contest was an inspiration to old and young.

DIPLOMAS

If you wish to present your 8th grade diplomas at the close of school, please send us the list of pupils with their names as you wish them to appear on the diplomas.

RETIREMENT

During the past year school districts contributed 70% of the teachers contribution to help build a retirement fund. After July 1, 1947, school districts will be required to contribute an additional 45% to build up a pension reserve based upon the teacher's prior service. This will make 115% as the districts share in the retirement program for next year.

Closing your school

Things to be sent to the office at close of school

1. Last monthly report
2. Annual report
3. Permanent record cards, grade & high
4. File registers at school & balance same
5. File daily program
6. State School Support Fund report on A.D.A. for year (to be given to clerk)
7. Nonhigh school pupil's days attendance for the year
8. Names of those eligible for perfect attendance certificates
9. Achievement test class analysis charts (California Mental Maturity, pre-primary and Stanford Achievement, grades 3, 5 and 7). Send those also for the grades given in the spring.
10. Leave the school building in perfect order.

ESSAY CONTEST

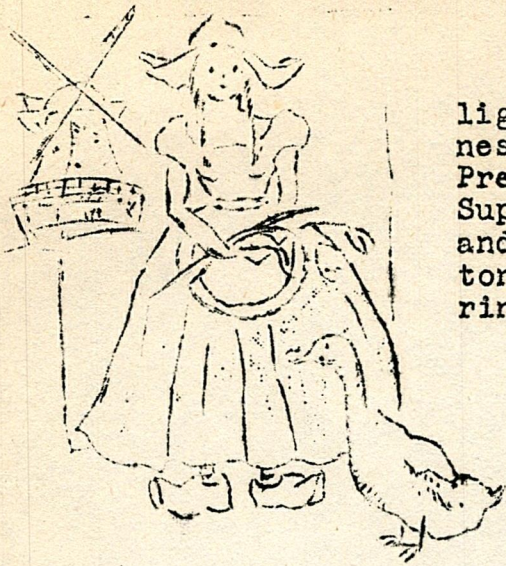
The essay "American Contribution for Permanent Peace" has been received and winners will be named and awards given. There were many interesting essays which showed merit.

CUMULATIVE RECORD CARDS

Every pupil in your school should have a complete cumulative and health record card. Check now to see that your records are complete. Results of the Mental Maturity and Stanford Achievement tests should be recorded on the cumulative record cards and sent to the office as of last year.

CHECK REPORT

See that courses of study are completed and that all grades are up to standard with our first graders able to read well and with good expression.



OEA MEETING

The OEA convention was one of the highlights of the year. Dr. Walter H. Judd, Minnesota congressman; Mrs. Pearl Wanamaker, President of the N.E.A; Dr. Kenneth McFarland, Superintendent of Schools, Topeka, Kansas; and D. Wilson Compton, President of Washington State College were wonderful and inspiring speakers.

CREDENTIALS

Kindly see that your Teacher's contract, teacher's certificate, and health certificate are complete in every detail. These must be filed in our office. We would be pleased to receive these credentials before you start on your vacation.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Please state on the back of your monthly report the dates of holidays or closure of school for other reasons. We are puzzled when there is a variance in "number of days taught".

PHYSICAL EDUCATION MANUALS

If you have not received the new manual for physical education in the elementary grades, please let us know. Our larger schools may want some too.

LIBRARY ORDERS

Please have your library orders in on time. Read directions carefully. Clerk's signatures are not necessary.

MUSIC FESTIVAL & PARENT'S DAY

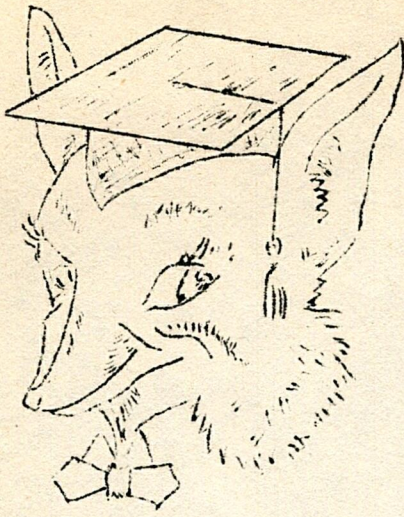
We trust that you are planning for your music festival. The date is May 4-11. It would be well to combine your music festival with Parent's Day in each individual school. This will stimulate a brighter outlook on life.

TB TESTS

There will be some Health Certificates expiring with this school year. Please examine your professional papers to see if you are fully certificated for teaching this Fall. I do not know if this Mobile X-Ray Unit will visit the county this summer or not. If it does, you will be advised through the county papers. Teachers under thirty-five years of age must have the TB test every two years, and those over thirty-five years of age every five years. If you hold an expiring Health or Teaching Certificate, don't wait until school starts next Fall before doing something about it. Section 111-334 of the 1946 School Laws reads in part as follows:

"*****", and should any teacher fail so to register his or her certificate or state paper and contract and file a copy of his or her health certificate in the office of the county school superintendent before beginning to teach in any district in his county, said teacher shall forfeit to the said district the full amount of salary for the time taught before said certificate, or state paper and contract were so registered, or health certificate was so filed.*****".

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS



SMART AS A FOX

Emergency certification: With reference to emergency certification of teachers for the school year 1947-48, at a meeting of the State Board of Education on 12/23/46, the emergency was extended for another year and the issuance of emergency certificates for this period authorized. The present rules and regulations for the issuance of such certificates were continued except for a revision of provision No. 4.

This revision of provision No. 4 requires all teachers who wish to qualify for either an initial certificate or subsequent certificate under this provision to present official evidence at the time of their application that they have previously held a state or city certificate and have completed at least 20 quarter hours of study, beyond the requirements for high school graduation, approved by the State Board of Education. Provided further that:

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- a. The 20 quarter hours must have been taken in a teacher training institution which trains teachers on the level for which certification is desired.
- b. not less than 8 of the 20 quarter hours shall have been taken in resident attendance or by extension since March 16, 1943.
- c. credits earned by correspondence work will not be acceptable toward fulfilling any part of the eight-quarter-hour requirement indicated in "b" above.

Within the next few days all teachers certificated under provision No. 4 will be notified by letter of the revision of this provision. It is assumed that the teachers will examine their own records and determine whether or not they will have to do more work in order to meet the above requirement. However, your assistance is requested in calling the attention of the teachers affected to the importance of clearing up this matter as soon as possible.

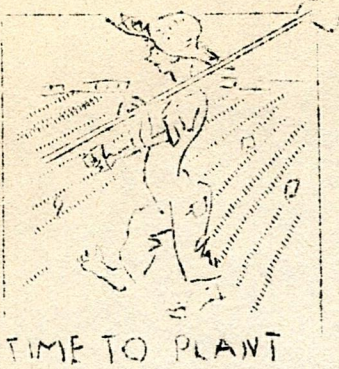
From Rex Putnam, Supt. of Public Ins.

Appreciation:

At this time much unjust and unfair criticism is being directed toward both the regular and the emergency certified teachers. It is being implied that the present regular certified teachers are not doing a good job, that "credits" alone make a good teacher and that an "emergency teacher" is synonymous to a "poor teacher". This is far from the truth as you teachers are doing splendid work in teaching the skills of learning and in the application of those skills, and in teaching appreciation, good attitudes, and courtesy. You are deserving of a fair wage, and I challenge any of these critics to go with me into a classroom and tell by observation and work accomplished whether or not the teacher holds a regular or an emergency certificate.

From Linn County Teachers Bulletin.

4-H CLUB



Clatsop County 4-H Clubs are off to what looks like a prosperous club year with an enrollment increase of 42%. The National Boys and Girls Committee asked for a 15% increase.

The strongest projects this year are cooking and sewing, with a 300% increase in 4-H cooking clubs. Livestock and garden projects are both lagging behind last years' enrollment.

A new 4-H Health project has been approved by the County Fair Board. Some \$140.00 in awards are set aside for a health poster contest, and health contest. Only the poster contest will be held this year, due to the absence of a County Health Staff.

It is hoped that every school will participate in the 4-H Health Clubs during the next school year, as Health is so vital to good living.

If any questions arise about 4-H club work, please contact the Club Agent.

/s/ F. Dale Hoecker

RED CROSS

The Clatsop County Junior Red Cross is very anxious to do its part in answering the appeal for more Gift Boxes. The value of these boxes in war-torn regions, where efforts are being made to re-establish schools, is greater than most of us can realize. Imagine children who have never owned a pencil of their own, or the smallest scrap of paper upon which they might write!

Just before Christmas our group shipped 151 boxes, several months later we shipped 64. We want to ship at least that many more before the end of the school term. Could you have your boxes filled and ready when Miss Lewis visits your school this spring? If you do not have all the required items send us your boxes anyway. A committee of Junior Red Cross members will purchase the missing items and add them to the boxes. They will use money which the schools contributed to the National Children's Service Fund during the enrollment campaign last fall.

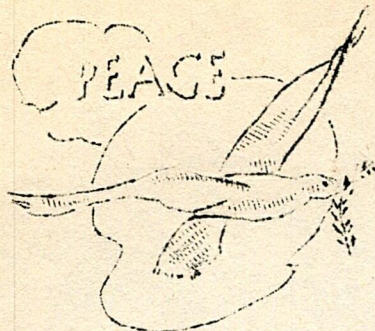
For the schools who can not send representatives to our council meetings, the filling of the Gift Boxes is the only project in which we have been able to ask you to participate. We hope to be able to have other county-wide projects; but for the time being, let's all give those Gift Boxes our attention.

/s/ Mrs. Albert Luukinen
Jr. Red Cross, Chr.

MARCH OF DIMES

The Clatsop County schools contributed \$422.63 toward the March of Dimes campaign. The following letter was received from Mr. Wendell Wyatt, Chr. of March of Dimes.

"As the Astoria chairman of the March of Dimes Campaign, please let me extend my appreciation to you, to your staff, your teachers, and to the many students in your schools who have so generously contributed to the recent March of Dimes Campaign. It is particularly gratifying to see children contribute so heavily to the campaign, inasmuch as the campaign is primarily



for the benefit of other children. Aside from the March of Dimes dance, I believe that the single largest source of contributions has been from the schools, and they are certainly to be complimented upon this fine showing.

Please pass my gratitude along to all persons under your supervision, who took part in the campaign so successfully concluded."

We wish to commend you for being so prompt and accurate with your teachers monthly reports.

Please send to us your closing date of school.

We were pleased and honored to have our State School Supt., Mr. Rex Putnam, with the final spelling contest. The prize winner was a young lady from Warrenton who won a lovely watch. Congratulations Miss Charlene McConnell. We also wish to congratulate all the other contestants in the Spelling Bee.

In the grammar lesson one day the teacher wrote on the blackboard: "I didn't have no fun at the seaside." Then she turned around to her pupils and said to one: "Roland, how should I correct that?" "Get a boy friend." he answered.

I wrote to her every day for two years, and what do you think was the result? She married the postman.

COAL GARDEN

The strange chemical coral-like formations make a coal garden, a curiosity for all to enjoy. Here are the ingredients.

- 6 tbs. plain salt
- 6 tbs. laundry bluing
- 6 tbs. water
- 1 tb. household ammonia

Pour ingredients over a lump of coal in order named. Then watch it grow.

FIRE DRILLS

The law requires that fire drills be held at least once per month. Please observe this rule. OSL.

FIRST CLASS DISTRICT

We are proud to announce that Seaside school district is now a First Class District with 510 boys, and 502 girls. Our Second Class districts are Westport, Jt., Knappa Con., Lewis & Clark Con., and Warrenton.

SCHOOL CENSUS

The School Census for the County shows there are 6232 children--3198 boys and 3034 girls, between the ages of four and up to 20 years of age. This is an increase of 419 over the census for the preceding year. Over one half or 3220, reside in the first-class districts of Astoria and Seaside. The remainder are residents of second and third-class districts.

May you all have a pleasant vacation.

Anne Lewis

Anne Lewis,
Co. School Supt.

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